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Application of

Applicants : Mohsen S. Marzouk and Jeffrey Andrew Reynolds
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RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, having a reply due date of March 4, 2002. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 16-25 are pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying remarks.

The rejection of claims 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Parish or as being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art is respectfully traversed. The examiner stated that "Applicants' claims are directed to a composition comprising ester, methylethylketone peroxide, and either ethyl acetate, methyl acetate or butyl acetate and compositions directed to methylethylketone peroxide and solvent."

However, this statement is incorrect because it ignores the language of the claims. The primer composition of claim 16 includes two components: an ester, and a *stabilized methyl ethyl ketone peroxide catalyst*. The primer composition has a shelf life of over 6 months. The stabilized methyl ethyl ketone peroxide catalyst *consists essentially of* methyl ethyl ketone peroxide, and a sufficient amount of solvent to stabilize the methyl

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